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1. PORTUGUESE PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY SEEKING GUARANTEED SOURCE OF SUPPLY OF GRAIN. APPARENTLY US IN POSITION TO OFFER LONG-TERM AGREEMENT ON COMMERCIAL BASIS. (WE HAVE IN MIND THE 3-YEAR AGREEMENT BETWEEN NORWAY AND 6 US GRAIN EXPORTING FIRMS SIGNED OCT 16).

2. EMBASSY SUPPORTS SUCH A LONG TERM GRAIN AGREEMENT FOR PORTUGAL. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD BE INTERRUPTED AS STRONG SIGNAL OF SUPPORT FOR PRO-US ELEMENTS IN PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT.

3. PLEASE ADVISE PROCEDURES CEREALS INSSITUTE, QUASI-GOVERNMENT GRAIN BUYING AGENCY, COULD FOLLOW IN OBTAINING A SIMILAR LONG TERM AGREEMENT.
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